the Government that the indigenous DMT should be used to the maximum extent possible as against the imported PTA, till the production of PTA is established in the country.

Demand of DMT and PTA

1238. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total capacity granted for production of PFY and PSF is to the tune of 675,000 tonnes per annum in the country during 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the total capacity for the raw materials for PFY and PSF such as DMT and PTA—is 3,39,000 tonnes per annum; and

(c) if so, in which manner this gap is likely to be bridged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Government's policy would be to meet the demands of both DMT and PTA to the extent to which these items are required by the user-industry by suitable measures at the appropriate time.

Working of Lalmatia Mines

1239. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about five hundred officers and technical personnel working in Lalmatia Mines in Santhal Pargana, Bihar have threatened to quit *en masse* to save their lives and lives of their families; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ensure the smooth and peaceful running of this project which is supplying coal to Farakka and is expected to feed Kahalgaon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Assault on a Medical Officer in July last and some other incidents of intimidation allegedly by certain local activists of the so-called Jharkhand Mukti Morcha created a feeling of insecurity in the officers and other personnel of the mines and projects of ECL in the Santhal Pargana Area. The local branch of the Coal Mines Officers Association of India submitted a representation to reffective action to improve the law and order situation and to ensure peaceful working conditions.

(b) Intensified deployment and patrolling by CISF and more effective police arrangements are the steps taken to improve the situation.

Fund raising by Car Automobile industry

1240. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of public money deposited against automobile bookings with the companies, manufacturing cars, scooters and other automobiles as on the 31st October, 1986;

(b) what is the rate of interest paid by the companies to the customers;

(c) whether Government propose to levy stricter norms for such fund raising by the companies to enable the customers to get their due;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) A statement-I I is annexed. (*See below*).